

**Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
June 20, 2012
Kenmore Apartments – 5040 North Kenmore**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	Olawale Idreez	It gives me pleasure to come to this meeting. I have been a resident at CHA for the last four years. Mayor Emanuel is bringing jobs and money to Chicago, but then I thought, what about residents of CHA, who don't have jobs? Is it possible for CHA to promote professional training so they can transition from \$8 per hour jobs, so they can transition out of housing?	Any public housing resident, like all residents of the city of Chicago, can attend any one of the City of Chicago's Workforce Centers. In addition, all public housing residents have access to employment services through their FamilyWorks provider. Public housing residents can also attend the City Colleges of Chicago at no cost (after financial aid). Residents interested in these employment services should contact their FamilyWorks provider.
2	Mary Gill	I am an LAC representative for NE SS. Our FamilyWorks provider is EES. I am here to speak about jobs. I am told to pass the information out, but this year's election for President is coming up and we need judges at the polls. We have to break down the voting machines so we need people for that too. The jobs start at \$14 per hour, at 69. W. Washington, that is where you apply. We have opportunities for youth ages 16 and 17 (with their parents permission) to be trained as judges. Early voting starts in October.	Thank you for your comment and for providing this information.

3	Maner Wiley	<p>I am back here to talk about Caritas drug clinic. We have residents in need of this program. We have a resident at Dearborn who has not been given a fair chance. Under ACOP, you are given a year to fix your drug problem. Now, she is being evicted and I would like to continue to work to help our residents deal with drugs. Drug addiction does not discriminate, it's a disease. I am willing to work pro bono. I have LAC presidents willing to work with me. We are here for the benefit of the residents.</p>	<p>FamilyWorks providers participate in monthly coordination meetings to address all non-lease compliance issues. Each week the FamilyWorks providers receive lease violations from Property Managers and they offer assistance to residents to resolve the issues. (FamilyWorks is a voluntary program and not all residents accept services.)</p> <p>Unless it is a property that requires drug testing (Dearborn does not), residents do not receive a lease violation due to substance abuse; rather it is the behavioral result of substance use that could lead to a violation (e.g. non-payment of rent, anti-social behavior). FamilyWorks offers to work with the resident to explore what is going on that led to the violation and creates strategies and plans to resolve the issue.</p> <p>If a resident who has a lease violation due to a behavioral result of substance abuse is not ready to quit or refuses to work with the FamilyWorks provider, he/she would be told that continued failure to cure the lease violation would lead to eviction. Neither FamilyWorks nor the Caritas program can set aside substance abuse treatment slots for residents. Thus, our FamilyWorks clinical teams have become the de-facto intervention program through group and individual counseling services.</p>
4	Robert Davidson	<p>1) For the management here, it's great to see that this building is "green." I hope we can get something like this at Lathrop. Back to CHA, I want to talk about the election. I see our item got pulled today. I need some clarity on this, is there going to be an election? There are people who want to run against me, is this going to happen?</p> <p>2) The other thing on my mind, how long will the head of Resident Services be vacant?</p> <p>3) School is out, and I need someone to tell me something. When will we get moving with the summer food program? What's going on with this?</p>	<p>1) Questions about LAC elections should be directed to the CAC.</p> <p>2) Mary Howard is the acting Executive Vice President of Resident Services.</p> <p>3) The summer food program is currently open at sites across the city, including 39 sites at CHA developments. To find a Summer Meal site near your community, please visit http://www.summerfeedingillinois.org, call the Illinois Hunger Coalition Hotline at 1-800-359-2163, or text FoodIL to 877-877.</p>